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For: Method & Device for Actuating a Brake System
for Automotive Vehicles

Examiner: Graham, M.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement (dated March 24, 2004), applicant hereby elects the species covered by Invention I (claims 12, 19, 20 and 22).

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. AP9265 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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